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TAGS: PINS, PDIP, ASEC, DJ, ET, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH KIDNAPPING CASE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2187

1. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE REAFFIRMED TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR TODAY
16 MAY THAT BOUCAULT WILL BE FREED AND RETURNED TO ADDIS ABABA
THIS EVENING. DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT WISHES TO HAVE HIM BACK IN
DJIBOUTI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD BE
BACK HERE ON THURSDAY, 10. MAY, IF ALL ELSE SUCCESSFUL.

2. FRENCH HAVE WITHDRAWN REMAINING COOPERATION PERSONNEL IN
TADJOURA AREA. THIS CONSISTS OF A MILITARY DOCTOR, A GENDARMERIE
ADVISOR AND ONE OTHER INDIVIDUAL. TWO TEACHERS REMAIN IN OBOCK,
WHERE FOREIGN LEGION COMPANY STILL STATIONED.

3. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT ISSUED STATEMENT ON 15 MAY IN WHICH HE
INSISTED ON MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN FACE PROVO-
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CATIONS. HE CASTIGATED THE TAKING OF A HOSTAGE BY A GROUP WHICH
WILL NOT EVEN STATE ITS NAME. HE NOTED THE EFFORTS OF THE
ETHIOPIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF
BOUCAULT AND CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH EMPLOYEE IN GOOD HEALTH.

4. IT IS RARE THAT PRESIDENT GOULED ISSUES PUBLIC STATEMENTS
DESIGNED TO REASSURE HIS CHRONICALLY UNDERINFORMED POPULATION.

FACT THAT DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT ITS COMPOSURE DURING
CURRENT TERRORISM EPISODE IS EVIDENCE THAT RELATIONS WITH
ETHIOPIA IMPROVING, THAT PRESIDENT' ON THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM
IS BEGINNING TO SHOW POSITIVE RESULTS AND THAT FRENCH HAVE BEEN
SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING DJIBOUTIANS LARGELY OUT OF THE PROCESS
AND THE ETHIOPIANS IN FROM THE BEGINNING. LET US HOPE IT
ENDS WELL.
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